

## Bully for Hancock's kids

MSU travels to Hancock Middle School with relief for displaced students. Page 16

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### Water now safe in Bay St. Louis

The boil water notice for the city of Bay St. Louis has been lifted. Water from the system no longer needs boiling prior to consumption. Multiple tests performed by the state board of health indicate that the water now meets the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

### Church groups to meet today

There will be a meeting of interfaith ministers, priests and church volunteer site coordinators today, Thursday, Nov. 3, at 10 a.m. at Main St. Methodist Church at the corner of Main and Second St. in Bay St. Louis. For more information about the meeting, please call the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 467-9048.

### Gov.'s Recovery group meetings

The Governor's Commission on Recovery and Rebuilding will meet in Hancock County on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Hancock North Central Elementary; and Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Diamondhead Community Center.

### Lost property north of Hwy. 90

A meeting is planned for residents of North Beach Blvd. for the purpose of sharing resources that support tornado/wind damages. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at 348 Main St., Bay St. Louis. Bring a chair. Call Basil Kennedy, 216-5527, or Joanne Stevens, 806-5940, for more information.

## Sweet Relief



Good Morning America's Robin Roberts mugs for the camera Monday at Bay High School football field during the "Chocolate Bomb Drop," in which a plane dropped Halloween candy for children of the Bay-Waveland School District. The drop was coordinated by Dr. Becky Ladner and Dr. Sandra Reed, with the plane and candy courtesy of the Long Grove Confectionery Co. of Buffalo Grove, Ill.

Photos by Geoff Belcher and Jimmy Lolaceno



## Waveland is asking 'Where's Longo?'

Mayor's absence at aldermen meeting prompts questions

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

The people of Waveland asked the Waveland Board of Aldermen some tough questions Tuesday night. Chief among them: Where is the mayor?

Mayor Tommy Longo was absent from Tuesday's board meeting, aldermen said, because he was visiting his wife and children in Maine, where they've been staying since their home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

"The only time you see Tommy Longo is on national news," one woman told aldermen, referring to a television appearance Longo made in September while accepting a donation on behalf of the city at an NFL game in New York — for which he's been widely criticized.

Tommy Longo

Longo has said that despite the popular rumor that he was "wined and dined" on the trip while the people of Waveland were sleeping in the mud and debris left by Katrina, he in fact only stayed long enough to pick up the badly-needed donation, turned around and came straight back home.

The woman said she was concerned that Longo hadn't even made a public appearance last week at the Governor's Commission on Recovery and Rebuilding.

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## Thousands still in need of temporary homes

Nearly 5,000 FEMA trailers now occupied; more still on the way

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) announced Monday that contractors had placed more than 35,000 individuals

in travel trailers or mobile homes for temporary housing statewide since Hurricane Katrina — 4,783 of the trailers have been placed and are occupied in Hancock County alone.

"For the thousands of peo-

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Thousands of Hancock County residents are still living in tents in the wake of Hurricane Katrina as FEMA and other agencies work to provide temporary housing such as travel trailers.

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# St. Clare continues even after Katrina

BY BRENDA PARROTT

**H**urricane Katrina ravaged most of Southern Mississippi, destroying numerous homes, businesses and churches along the Coast. St. Clare was no exception, as the entire church plant was destroyed. The church, which was originally built as a mission of Our Lady of the Gulf in 1881 and later became a parish in 1919, was completely ripped from its foundation; even the bell tower, which survived Hurricane Camille in 1969, was destroyed. The school, hall, old convent and rectory were also wiped away in the storm. The only thing left standing on the grounds of St. Clare is the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The community of St. Clare is very much alive in faith and spirit. The church made a come back on September 11th, as Mass was held in a military-style tent; approximately 150 people were in attendance.



St. Clare church was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, but the school is going back in session.

Since that Sunday, who is staying with family members in Baton Rouge while awaiting a FEMA trailer, attended

Mass this past Sunday; she said, "I was really impressed by the number of people there. I love Waveland and the church and school; I've been here for 38 years. I was very happy to see everyone... I wish I could be there every week."

The school, which was originally built in 1964, started back up in military-style tents on Monday, October 31st. One hundred and two of its students were back for opening day and many others students are due to be back soon.

The parishioners of St. Clare hope to rebuild the church and school on its existing property. In the meantime, both the church and school will continue to strive despite its many challenges.

To register your child at St. Clare, please call the school office at 467-7071. The Mass schedule for St. Clare is now Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

## Hancock recovery update

**NEW CURFEW HOURS** The curfews currently in effect for Hancock County are as follows:

- 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. north of the railroad tracks to I-10.

- 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. south of the railroad tracks.

- Midnight to 5 a.m. north of I-10.

The curfews currently in effect for Bay Saint Louis and Waveland are as follows:

- 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. north of the railroad tracks.

- 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. south of the railroad tracks

- The curfew currently in effect for Diamondhead is Midnight to 5 a.m.

- The curfew currently in effect for Shoreline is 11:00 p.m. to 5 a.m.

- The curfew currently in effect for Pearlington is 11:00 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

- Waveland City Council meetings are the first Tuesday and third Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the temporary City Hall facility, Central and Coleman.

- The "Second Saturday Event" in Old Town Bay St. Louis is now every Saturday from 4-8 p.m.

- Weekly Town Hall Meetings 6 p.m. every Saturday at Bay St. Louis at the Old Train Depot for Bay St. Louis residents.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The Hancock County Volunteer Registration Center is currently operating at the Kiln Public Library. Please call 321/837-6443. If you need volunteers, call 321/837-6441.

**WORK OPPORTUNITY** For store-related

jobs call 228/255-5574. call.

**POINT OF DISTRIBUTION (POD) LOCATIONS:** Gulfview Elementary and Pearlington at the Elementary School, Zuppardo's Bay Plaza on Highway 90 at Blue Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis, the POD at Sav-A-Center at the New Waveland Café (Fred's) at Highway 90, and Waveland Avenue in Waveland.

**MEDICAL CARE SERVICES** are currently available at the: Waveland Medical Center

- Hancock Medical Center in Diamondhead
- Kiln Clinic
- Port Bienville Clinic
- Pearlington Clinic at the Pearlington Elementary School
- Loudon Medical Group operating from the Old Train Depot in Bay Saint Louis

- CALM-Rainbow Families at the Hudson Complex on Highway 90 in Bay Saint Louis

- Adventist Community Team Services at the Hudson Complex on Highway 90

- Flagler Community Hospital sponsored clinic at K-Mart and

- ANG E-MED at the Hancock Medical Center.

People affected by Hurricane Katrina may also be eligible for extended Medicaid coverage. Enrollment applications and additional information are available at all PODs and DRCs.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS HOTLINE** Active Affected individuals should call 1-866-GET INFO (1-866-438-4636). Please leave your contact information, and a Red Cross caseworker will return your

**SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES ARE OPEN** in Gulfport, Biloxi and Moss Point. For more information call 800-772-1213.

**ELECTRICAL PERMITS ARE NEEDED** in order to get power restored. Residents of Waveland should visit the Waveland City Hall facilities on Coleman. Residents of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County should go to the second floor of the Train Depot in Bay St. Louis.

**ELECTRICAL SERVICE** Mississippi Power, 800/487-3275, has waived the deposit/connection fee for current customers. Coast Electric Power Association, 800/624-3348, requires no deposit for customers whose bills are paid. Customers with bills in collection must pay that bill and a \$200 deposit. All Coast Electric customers must pay an activation fee of \$30 and membership fee of \$5.

**HANCOCK COUNTY OFFICES** Chancery Clerk Office functions for Land Research and Chancery Court Filings can be made in the Quonset huts at the Civic Center on Longfellow Drive. You can call 228/467-0172 or 228/467-6012. Delinquent Tax Collections, Tax Collector and Circuit Clerk office functions are located at the Kiln Tax Office Annex, Highway 603. Justice Court and Veterans Service offices are located at Larsen's Complex, Highway 603.

Hours for all county services are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. No weekend hours.



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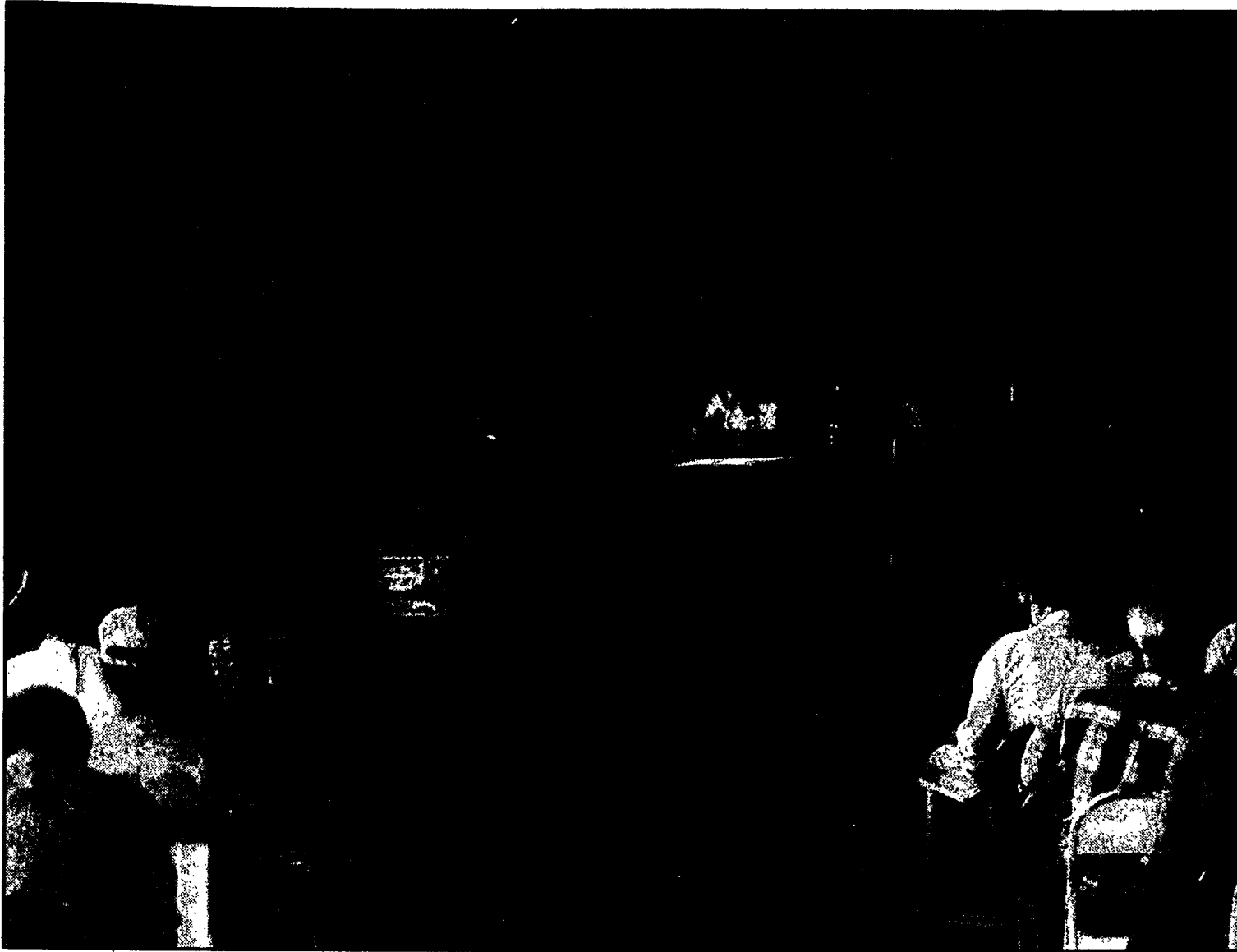
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# Taxes at Work



On stage Barbara Payne, right, John Parker, and Connie Ziglet call out auction items at Annunciation Hall in Kiln on Monday, October 31.

Echo staff photos by Jace Ponder



## New bus routes for B-W School District

Most bus stops for students in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will remain the same as before Hurricane Katrina. The bus number may be different, but the stop location and approximate time will be the same. The exceptions are the storm damaged areas that are not passable to allow regular bus routes at this time. The following changes are now necessary:

Shoreline Park off Lagan Street: Students must walk out to Lagan & HWY 603. Time remains the same.

Shoreline Park off Central: Students must walk out to Central & HWY 603. Time remains the same.

Bay Oaks & Spanish Acres: Students must walk out to Old Spanish

Trail. Time remains the same.

Waveland: Any stops that were located south of Central Avenue. Students must walk out to Central Avenue. Time remains the same.

Buccaneer State Park: Bus stop will be at the main entrance road parking lot. Elementary students will be picked up at 6:40 am, middle and high school students at 7:20 am. All elementary students will ride to Waveland Elementary, then change buses to ride to Second Street and North Bay.

McLeod State Park: Bus stop will be at the Waveland-Kiln cut-off and HWY 603.

Parents should call Laidlaw Educational Services at 228-466-9002 for any questions.

## Bay-Waveland opening

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A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on November 7, 2005 at North Bay Elementary School in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District. New portable classrooms will be utilized at this facility while

a new school is being built due to the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The ribbon-cutting will begin at 7:45 a.m. Students throughout the school district will be returning to class for the first time since the storm on this date.

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Do you hear what I hear?

**R**ap, rap, rap. The sound goes on day and night as our community begins the monumental task of rebuilding. Over the past several weeks I have talked to a number of volunteers from church groups, organizations, etc., and all say they were amazed at Katrina's destruction to Hancock County and the Gulf Coast. Unbelievable is the word I have heard on a regular basis.

All say they are impressed with the positive attitudes of those who suffered so much.

The stories of so many are unbelievable too, yet they are as true as Katrina's destruction.

Those who have a home left, and that is a small number, will all tell you they are lucky compared to so many whose homes disappeared.

South of Interstate 10 I would guess that 99.9% had wind blown water damages to their homes.

Yet, in the face of it all, the majority will tell you that we will come back, not the same, but better than ever.

So many new friends have been made since Katrina, as folks are concerned for their fellow neighbors.

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This past Sunday as Jane and I passed the residence of Brother and Sister Foster and Ilena Luke on DeMontluzin, we were wondering how they were doing.

It so happened on Tuesday, I received a note from them reporting they were staying at the Biloxi Community Living Quarters.

Ms. Luke said, "This is a long story and I will tell you later."

She said to tell her friends they were doing okay.

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The recent cool spell was welcomed but not by folks still in tents or homes without heat.

I hope the early chill is no indication of a cold winter for us.

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## The Thrilla in Itta Bena

### Eyes on Mississippi

by Bill Minor

**T**he Mississippi Delta, Itta Bena at that, is an unlikely setting for a psychological thriller laced with deadly national ramifications, but ex-Jacksonian Lewis Perdue somehow pulls it off.

Perdue, now a Sonoma, CA consultant who has produced several other modern thrillers, comes up with a doozie of a tale built around a weird combat medicine that a mad American war hero general with presidential ambitions wants to make a staple of the U.S. military.

The whole idea of the combat medicine is a cutting edge drug that turns ordinary grunt soldiers into psychopathic killing machines.

And Gen. Clark Braxton wants to inject American troops with Xantaeus, making them such deadly efficient killers, that, according to his reasoning, the U.S. can vastly reduce the size and cost of its military forces while making them more effective.

To put his master plan into operation, however, Braxton must first be elected president of the United States, as an independent, capitalizing on his military heroism

mystique to win the presidency.

Anyone getting in the way of accomplishing his goal is in danger of losing his life.

Soldiers doctored with this secret drug lose fear, any regret or conscience about killing another human being. The grave danger Xantaeus poses to humanity is that the killer instinct remains permanently with many to whom it is administered.

This means that thou-

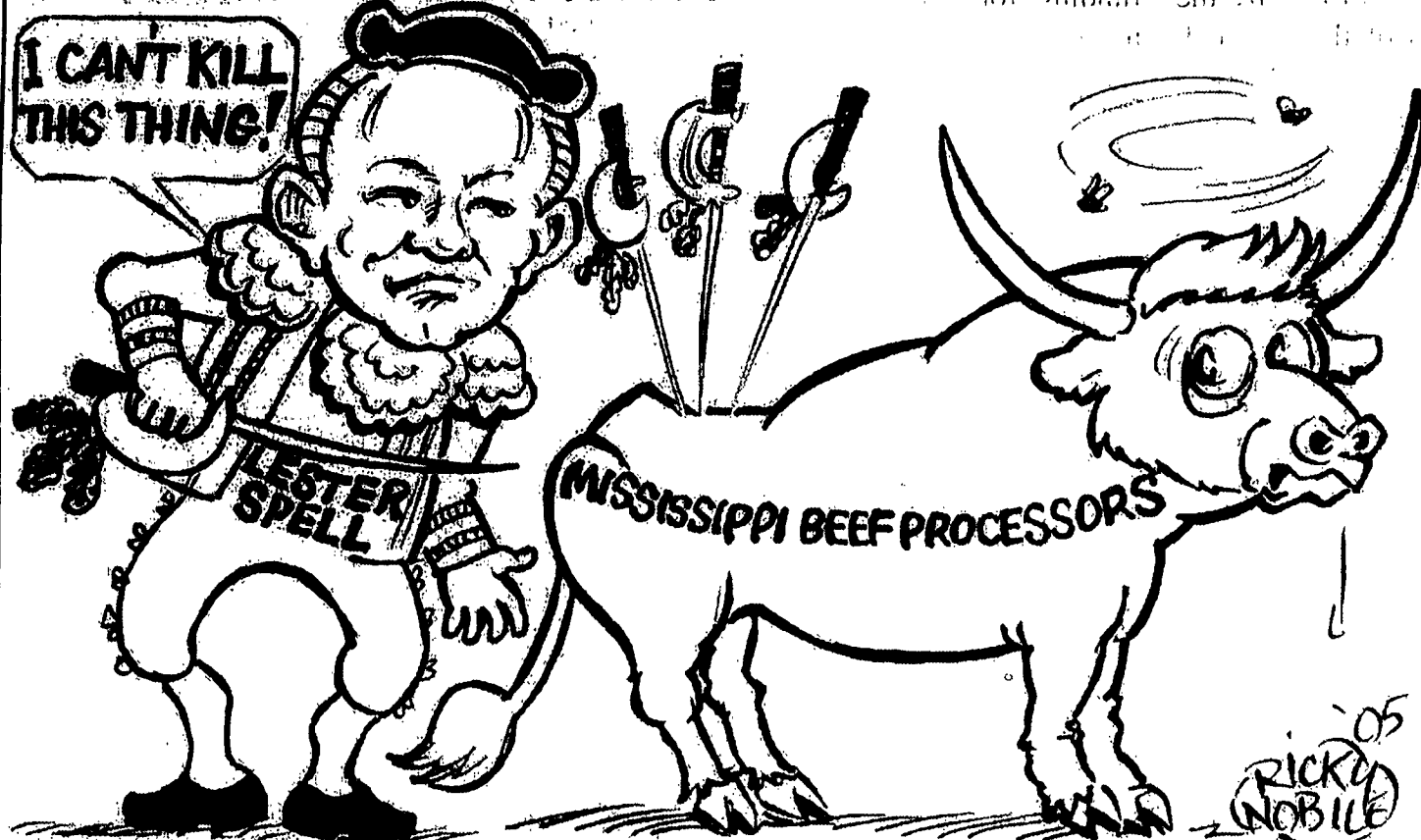
sands of psychopathic killers--people who appear normal but kill without any compunction--could be turned loose on the world.

Project Enduring Valor has been developing the drug for years and testing it clandestinely on American military forces--apparently with tacit approval of the Pentagon. Braxton has gotten control of the scientist with the expertise to produce the drug and the company he created.

"Perfect Killer" is the title of Perdue's novel. Inevitably, it brings to mind Doctor Strangelove and how international carnage could result from military power that gets terribly out-of-control.

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A FORMER MATADOR IS NOW HOLDING BULLFIGHTS IN MISSISSIPPI, BUT THAT IS NOT THE FIRST "BULL" WE'VE HAD TO FIGHT.....



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## Tell me a story; Tell me a Ghost Story

(This is a little different than the tales I usually tell. Those stories, although somewhat modified to respect the privacy of the people involved, are all basically true. This one, well, you'll see.)

"I see you have a cat. Thought you didn't like cats."

I was sitting on the porch with my cousin, Peter. Peter was pointing to the roof on the far side of the house. There, sitting just above the gutter, was Holly, our black tomcat. Holly hadn't been visible since Peter had come to visit yesterday evening. He hadn't showed up last night when we went to bed and Stella had left him outside. Now he was back,

but keeping his distance.

"Well, I guess Holly's an exception to my feelings about cats," I said looking at Holly who just as avidly, was looking back at us. "We get along. He's usually a lot nosier though when we have company. I don't know why he is staying away from us the way he is."

I called to Holly, but he didn't move, sitting almost rigidly still, staring hard, his eyes big.

### Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza  
LaViolette

"He probably smells my cat, Pearl. Pearl's a tom and black, too. Looks like Jennie seems to have smelled Pearl also." Peter nodded toward Jennie, our weimaraner, who lying on the porch dozing, was closer than Holly but still unusually distant.

Peter wasn't really my cousin, it was one of those things where your parents were close to another couple and you called them, "Aunt"

Mary and "Uncle" George, which in this case Mary and George were their names.

When I was young, Peter would always be with them when they came to visit. Although my mother and father thought Aunt Mary and Uncle George were wonderful people, I didn't care for them. They always made me feel uncomfortable.

It seemed to me that they were artificial and that their general air of affability was the cover for something I intuitively didn't like. I was more than uncomfortable when they talked to me, I was a little afraid.

But Peter was differ-

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trol.

Perdue's tale becomes quite timely right now because the nation has been thrown into a wartime mentality ever since the U.S. invasion of Iraq in March, 2003. And now nearly three years later 140,000 servicemen are bogged down there fighting a guerrilla insurgency that daily is costing American lives.

The whole idea of chemically creating soldiers who are remorselessly efficient killers isn't as far-fetched as one may imagine. In the history of warfare, according to evidence Perdue produces, it has been done for centuries by varying methods, all the way from Inca warriors who went into battle fortified by chewing on coca leaves to rum rations issued to British sailors.

Perdue's protagonist in "Perfect Killer" is Dr. Brad Stone, a neurosurgeon from Delta plantation wealth who comes

back to bury his mother at Itta Bena. At the cemetery he is surprised when a beautiful black woman he fondly remembers from the days when his Greenwood high school was first integrated embraces him.

She is Vanessa Thompson who has gone on to become a nationally famous civil rights attorney, and, strangely, is defending an elderly white racist convicted of murder. Unknown to Brad, she drops a tape cassette into his topcoat pocket. At that moment a gunshot rings out, leaving Vanessa dying in his arms.

That starts Brad's precariously wild ride into the dark precincts of General Braxton's mad secret plan to grab national political power and implement Project Enduring Valor on a massive scale.

Of course Braxton is protected in his mountaintop palace in California's wine country

by an intensely loyal cadre of military-style henchmen and a state-of-the-art security system. In his cellars is stored the world's most valuable collection of fine wines. Though Braxton drinks none of it, he caresses the vintage bottles and casks with loving care.

It happens that the old racist Vanessa is defending had been one of the war veterans used as guinea pigs in an abandoned POW camp in Mississippi for experiments to develop the combat medicine that could turn ordinary soldiers into killing machines.

The dying old racist, after being kept a virtual prisoner in government hospitals, manages to tell Vanessa the whole story of the experiments to get Xantaeus ready for marketing as the Pentagon's secret weapon.

All of which turns the unsuspecting Dr. Brad Stone into a hunted man, targeted by Braxton and

his widespread network of experienced killers. Lucky for Brad, at least one of Braxton's loyal followers, Lt. Gen. Dan Gabriel, whom Braxton has promised to put at the head in the Pentagon, becomes skeptical of the whole idea of turning the nation's military forces into chemical soldiers.

With plenty of thrills and plot twists along the way, flavored with little touches of Mississippi, Brad Stone and Dan Gabriel eventually team up to thwart Braxton's mad plans in a violent showdown at the general's closely guarded castle.

While upsetting the general's apperect, they do a heck of a job in a shootout of overturning thousands of gallons of his precious wines. Wine-lovers will cringe as cases and casks of distilled fruit of the vine empty on the floor of the cellars.

## MDA offering small business disaster loans

Stop by the Business Assistance Center today. All Business Owners are encouraged to utilize the services of the Hancock County Business Assistance Center, sponsored by Hancock Chamber with support from Coast Electric Power Association & the City of Bay St. Louis, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., corner of US HWY 90 and Main Street, Bay St. Louis at the Coast Electric Conference Center.

Center services include: Wireless service, computers with Internet access, Small Business Development Center Counselors & SBA staff on hand to review SBA loan packages, information and applications for the Bridge Loan Program.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) has asked the State Bond Commission for \$25 million in order to initiate the program.

The Mississippi Disaster Bridge Loan Program will provide immediate funding for small businesses while they wait for funds from the Small Business Administration or their insurance companies.

These short-term, interest-free loans may range from \$1,000 to \$25,000, and carry terms of 90 or 180 days. Mississippi-owned small businesses in the designated counties must meet criteria to be eligible for disaster bridge loans.

Loan terms can be either 90 or 180 days at an interest rate of zero.

Eligible small business owners should contact their local financial institution for an application or obtain applications directly from the MDA website at [www.mississippi.org](http://www.mississippi.org) or at the Hancock Chamber Office. Completed applications should be taken to a participating financial institution.

## Chamber After Hours is today

Hancock Chamber Business After Hours will be at Wal-Mart SuperCenter under the Big Tent today, Thursday, November 3, from 5-7 p.m.

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I never thought I would see the day when so many businesses would be operating from a tent or trailer.

One of the first businesses wiped out by Katrina was Truetel Insurance Agency.

They opened in front of the Chamber office in a pop-out trailer five

days after the storm.

Then came another wallop, Rita. They then moved into a trailer across the highway.

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**Views -- Ghost Story**

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ent. I liked Peter and he liked me. He was tall, thin and extremely quiet, and despite being several years older than me, we became very close friends. We always enjoyed each other's company, disappearing into my room during their visits and staying for hours playing board games until his parents came and got him and left.

We never visited them. Peter's parents died many years later in a car crash. The accident happened after I was grown to adulthood and moved away. Peter was the one who told me about it. He had maintained ties with me and when Stella and I got married and moved to the coast, he would come to visit us occasionally.

He would drive down from Tupelo in his beautiful old blue Lincoln and stay with us for a day or two. Stella liked him and we both looked forward to his occasional visits. But after his parent's death, his visits became less frequent and we hadn't seen him for several years.

"I'm sorry I haven't been by to see you and Stella these last few years, but things have been difficult for a long time." He sat staring out at the water and then abruptly seemed to change the subject. "You never liked my mother and father. Now, now, don't say anything." He waved aside the start of my protests. "You didn't and I guess, I can't blame you. I was a big disappointment to them. I was different from them and although they tried, they couldn't change me. God knows they tried. I was actually glad when they had their accident."

He was silent for a long while and then turned and looked directly at me. "I've been seeing them now for about three years." He turned, again staring out at the water and sat still. I kept very quiet.

"It's usually late at night. I can see Mother in the background, sitting in her chair scowling like she's upset. Father is always closer to me and I

can see he's angry. He seems to think the accident was my fault. It wasn't, I had nothing to do with it, but he and she want me to think that I did.

"What is really bad is that they seem to think that my being involved in their deaths proves something about me. They're actually glad about what I'm supposed to have done and how I did it. They appear to be urging me to act on that and are extremely upset that I haven't."

He got up and stared at the distant figure of Holly. "After awhile, I couldn't stand their constant visits, their silent accusations, their demands. That's when I got Pearl. He's a big cat, bigger than Holly, much bigger."

"The first night my parents came and found Pearl there beside me, they almost went crazy. They kept trying to move around him, going from room to room trying to get close to me, but Pearl was always with me and they seemed to hate being anywhere near him. They yelled at me, screamed, but I couldn't hear them."

"I haven't seen them for a while, although I sometimes see Pearl staring at some corner late at night and I know they're not far away. But they haven't been back."

"Well, it doesn't matter anymore. I've been ill, as you've noticed. I saw Stella staring at me last night." He turned back to me and smiled and I saw again the Peter that was my boyhood friend. "I wanted to come by once more and see you. I wanted to tell you I haven't changed and that I still love you and Stella."

That night Stella fixed a wonderful dinner and then we sat in the living room and talked till late, laughing and telling stories about times that are gone but still come back to friends in the late hours of an evening.

The next day he drove back to Tupelo.

Several months later, I was awakened by a soft muzzle touching my arm. It was Jennie.

I lay there and listened. I didn't hear anything, I started to go back to sleep. She nudged me again and I opened my eyes and looked at her. The dark shape of her head was turned towards the doorway. There, sitting in the doorway, was Holly! He was watching us!

I realized that that was not possible. As I became more awake, I realized that the cat I was seeing in the dim light was far too big to be Holly.

I lay still not moving, noting that what little light there was coming from behind the cat. Despite this, his eyes were bright and they seemed intently focused on me.

All this took place over only a few seconds. I didn't feel fear, and motioned for Jennie to lie down and be still. Slowly, with a soft scrapping of her paws on the wood floor, she did, never taking her eyes off the large cat sitting in the doorway. The tableau lasted for perhaps a minute, then the cat was gone.

The next morning over a late breakfast I told Stella what had happened.

"Are you sure it wasn't Holly?"

I stopped and considered what I had to say and then said it. "Stella, I think it was Pearl, I think it was the big black torn Peter told me about when he was here. I think it was him sitting in the doorway."

The phone rang and Stella got up and answered it in the kitchen. She talked quietly for a few moments and then came back and rejoined me at the dining room table.

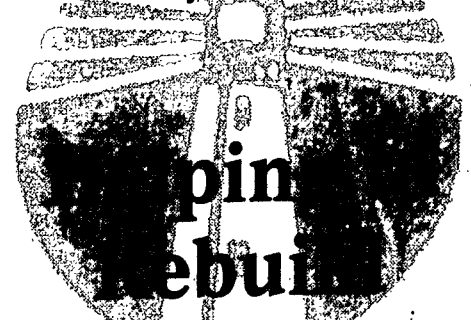
"That was Martha, Peter's housekeeper. When she came to work early this morning she found Peter had died in his sleep last night. Peter had told her to call us if anything happened to him."

She leaned forward and put her hand over mine. We sat quietly for a few moments.

"I asked her about Peter's cat. She said Peter never had a cat."

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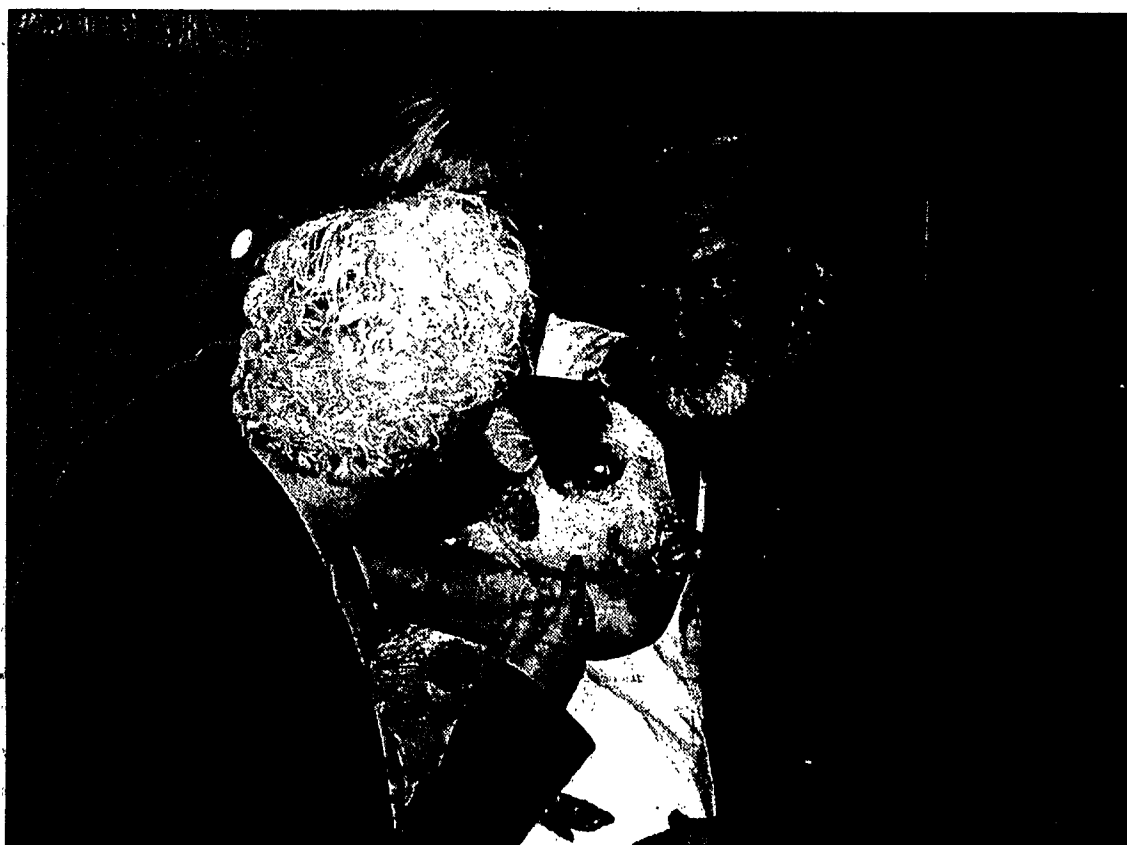
Stone Middle School conducts a pep rally to collect supplies for Bay-Waveland Middle School. Below: Mr. Gavin, Stone Middle's assistant principal, prepares to kiss a pig after promising he would do so if students collected 1,000 items.

## Stone collects for B-W Middle

CHERYL RASBURY  
Enterprise Staff

Stone Middle School students have been collecting supplies for the last month, to donate to Bay/Waveland Middle School in Bay St. Louis. The Bay/Waveland School district was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina with the district's five schools either being completely destroyed or suffering heavy damage. The district is set to resume classes November 7th. Students will be heading back to school in more than 60 portable classrooms recently delivered to the State of Mississippi and Hancock County through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "We are so fortunate, and planning right now for more than 60 percent of the pre-Katrina student population to return the first day of classes," stated Superintendent Kim Stasny.

The supplies that Stone Middle school collected were presented during a pep rally on Friday, to Lynn Brooks, a former teacher at Stone Middle who is now teaching 6th grade at the Bay/Waveland Middle School. The rally began with a moving slide show of damage in the area and was followed by cheers from both the Tomcat Cheerleaders and the Bay Waveland Tiger Cheerleaders, the unveiling of supplies collected by each grade, the announcement of the



classes in each grade that collected the most and the pig kissing.

The faculty had challenged the students, promising that if they collected 1,000 items, Mr. Gavin, assistant principal would kiss a pig and if 2,000 items were collected Mrs. Compston, principal, would do the honors. The students went above and beyond with the 6th grade collecting 1,150 items, the 7th grade collecting 2022, and the 8th grade collecting 1,000 items for a total of 4,172 items. Since every grade met or exceeded the original goal, the winning class teachers, Ms. Flowerday 6th grade, Ms. Anderson, 7th grade, and Ms. Dowling, 8th grade also agreed to kiss the pig to the delight of the student body.

## The City-County Community Education program to return

The City-County Community Education program is planning a limited free session at a later date.

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Necaise at 255-0376 between 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. All current instructors or anyone interested in teaching needs to call the above number. Classes will begin in January. Vouchers will be given to all students who registered and paid for classes for the fall session prior to the storm.



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# Obituaries

## BERNT BASTIANSEN

## WILFRED BORDAGES

## CYNTHIA GEGENHEIMER

## WILLIAM HENRY

## MARTHA LANGENBACKER

## BERNT BASTIANSEN

Bernt Fredrick Bastiansen, 82 of Pearlinton, MS, died Monday, August 29, 2005 in Pearlinton, MS.

He was a native of Norway and a resident of Pearlinton, MS for the past 40 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Wilkerson Bastiansen; parents, Bernt & Ingeborg Bastiansen; and 2 brothers, James and Andrew Bastiansen.

He is survived by his brother, George D. Bastiansen of Marrero, LA and a sister, Bernice Eide of Pearl River, LA.

His services will be held at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge.

## WILFRED BORDAGES

Wilfred Anthony Bordages, 90 of Ansley, MS died on Monday, October 31, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of Lakeshore, MS and a lifelong resident of Hancock County. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church and a veteran of World War II under General George S. Patton. He was part owner of Bordages Brothers Marina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John "J.B." & Mary Yarborough Bordages; 5 brothers, Lambert, John, Raymond, William, & Lionel Bordages; 4 sisters, Isabelle Peterson, Gladys Baxter, Mildred Rios, & Bertha O'Brien; and 2 nieces, Jonnie B. Roche and Linda Rios.

He is survived by 15 nieces and nephews.

The visitation will be on Monday, November 7, 2005, from 9 a.m. until prayer service at 11 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. Interment will follow in Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge.

Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

## CYNTHIA GEGENHEIMER

Cynthia Ann Gegenheimer, 56 of Perkinston, MS died Monday, October 31, 2005 in Gulfport, MS.

She was a native of West Virginia and a resident of Perkinston, MS.

She was preceded in death by her father, Russell Mart.

She is survived by husband, Alvin P. Gegenheimer of Perkinston, MS; son Russell Preston Gegenheimer and wife Gretchen of Gulfport, MS; mother, Mildred Mart of Carencrow, LA; and 3 grandchildren, Jason, Rebekah, and Alyssa Gegenheimer of Gulfport, MS.

Her visitation will be held on Friday, November 4, 2005 from 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. prayer service at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. Burial will be on Monday, November 7, 2005 at 1 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Carencrow, LA.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

## WILLIAM HENRY

William "Bill" Henry, 80 of Lakeshore, MS died Thursday, October 27, 2005 in Biloxi, MS. He was a native of Missoula, Montana and a longtime resident of Lakeshore, MS for the past 23 years. He was a veteran serving in the U. S. Navy. He was of the Baptist Faith.

He is preceded in death by his father, Mark Henry, mother, Effie Huttee Dobbs; and 2 sisters, Maryls Rhoads and Queta Maher. He is survived by his good friend and caregiver, Jude Lee of Lakeshore, MS; brother Stanley Dobbs of Paragould, AR; sister, June German of Paragould, AR; and numerous nieces & nephews.

The visitation was Wednesday, November 2, at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Interment was at t Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi.

## MARTHA LANGENBACKER

Martha Evelyn Langenbacker, 84 of Bay St. Louis, MS died Friday, October 28, 2005 in Meridian, MS.

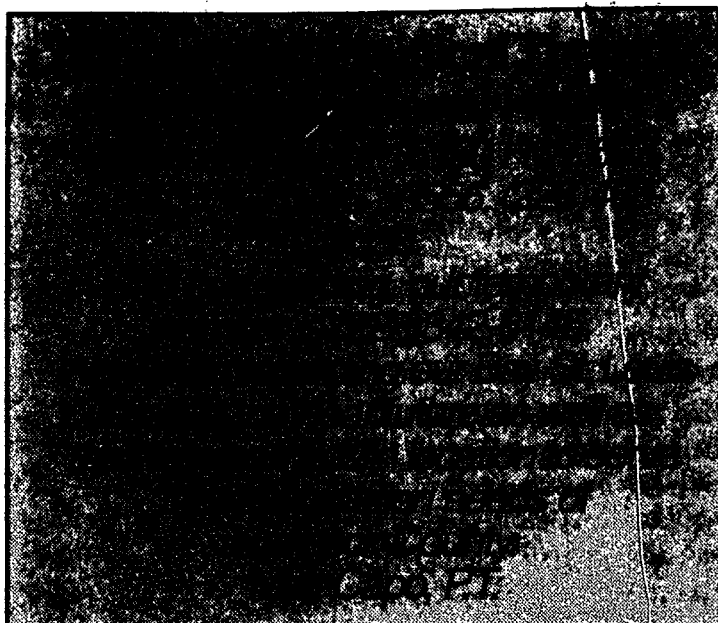
She was a native of Pearl River, MS and a lifelong resident of Hancock County, MS. She was of the Baptist Faith. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Langenbacker; parents, Thomas & Martha Smith Carroll. She is survived by her son Clifton Carroll of Waveland, MS; step son Frank Langenbacker of Waveland, MS; 4 step grandchildren; 9 step great grandchildren; and 1 great great grandchild. The visitation will be on Thursday, November 3, 2005 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The Prayer will follow at p.m. Interment will follow in Turtle Skin Cemetery in Hancock County. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Legislature releases Tidelands funds to help with disaster recovery effort

### SEA COAST ECHO

Local governments in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area will be allowed to use tidelands lease funds to pay costs associated with law enforcement and fire protection, it was decided during a meeting of the Mississippi House of Representatives' Committee on Hurricane Recovery held Nov. 1 at the State Capitol in Jackson.

Some \$5 million will be available, state fiscal leaders said. Tidelands lease funds are paid by casinos for use of state-owned property on the Gulf Coast. The move will help cash-strapped local governments that lost millions in revenues following Hurricane Katrina.

State Insurance Commissioner George Dale lamented during the meeting that the federal government has been slow to help make Coast homeowners "whole" again, as it did for citizens after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in New York City.

"We are not getting the

same treatment after Katrina," said Dale, who added that the insurance industry will not be strong enough to bail out Coast homeowners for their damage. "We will need the federal government to act," he said.

Dale also said that in the future, all standard homeowners insurance policies should include flood coverage, "even on the highest mountain in Wyoming." Dale also said he will look into what some see as unnecessary insurance companies' spending for advertising in Coast area media. He also suggested the state adopt stricter building codes, as Florida did after several hurricanes slammed that state. The state-run "windpool" insurance coverage should also be expanded, Dale said.

State Attorney General Jim Hood testified that he believes his office will be successful in its lawsuit against the national insurance industry -- if the matter is returned to state chancery court, as he also believes will happen. "Then we can get

some relief for our homeowners."

State Treasurer Tate Reeves said local Coast governments probably lost up to 40 percent of their local tax base revenues after Katrina. He said the federal government should step in with grants to help them. He said he expects federal action soon on this matter.

The Legislature recently passed laws during a special session to help the local governments deal with financial problems resulting from the devastating Aug. 29 hurricane.

State Emergency Management Agency Director Robert Latham told the meeting that his goal is to have all displaced Coast residents in temporary housing by Jan. 1. Many continue to live in tents and other facilities in the Coast area. He was urged to not allow any more contracts with one particular brand of trailers being used by Coast residents, due to problems. Also needed are more "special needs trailers" for Coast resi-

dents who are physically challenged.

Several House members expressed displeasure with actions by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as related to temporary housing units. One House member said many trailers have been delivered that are unoccupied, "and there is no one from FEMA to talk to about it." Visibility of FEMA workers has been extremely low, he said.

Another House member said his Coast-area county badly needs more law and fire protection officers due to a rise in crime and safety problems.

Former State Rep. Danny Guice Sr. of Ocean Springs, a longtime Coast civic leader, told the panel that he was pleased to see so many programs in place to help residents deal with Katrina, noting that none were in place after Camille in 1969. "Katrina is so much more devastating than Camille," said Guice, who lost homes to both hurricanes.

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## Important Announcement for Students Impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

To help high school students stay on track for graduation, the MS Department of Education is offering free, teacher-led online courses through the Mississippi Online Learning Institute (MOLLI).

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**Deadline for registration is January 13, 2006.**

### Questions?

Contact the Office of Educational Technology at 601-359-3954 or toll free at 866-763-5291.

## Emergency childcare assistance deadline extended

Hancock County residents have until November 15 to submit an application for the Emergency Child Care Assistance Program. The application period closed Monday for residents of all other counties.

Over 2700 children in the three Gulf Coast

counties have benefited from the program to date. That number will grow, according to Jane Boykin, President of the Forum on Children and Families, who is coordinating the application process. "Certificates will continue to be issued until all applications

received by today's deadline have been processed," she said.

The deadline for residents of Hancock County was extended to give parents there the opportunity to apply after their children return to school next week. Applications will be available to Hancock

County residents at the WIN Job Center and at the Child Care Assistance Center located in the Crossroads Shopping Center in Orange Grove. Hancock County residents call the Center at 601-566-6457 for additional information.

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## Homeless -- tents & trailers

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ple who were left homeless following Katrina, this is very good news," said Nick Russo, deputy federal coordinating officer for FEMA, in a press release issued Monday. "Housing priorities were set immediately following the storm and the majority of those who have received travel trailers or mobile homes to date had an immediate need such as a disability, illness, were elderly or living in an unsafe situation."

Eugene Birzoni, a FEMA representative based in Jackson, said that the federal government hopes to have about 13,000 in Hancock County by the end of the year.

"The manufactured housing units are not the solution in most of the

locations statewide ...," he said. "In fact, the travel-trailers are rather short-term. Ultimately, our desire is to get people back in permanent housing," whether by cleaning and repairing their existing homes or rebuilding, "all of which is going to take a lot of time."

FEMA estimates that the placement of families into travel trailers is consistent at approximately 400 units or 1,100 individuals per day. One hundred and eight people are now occupying Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant travel trailers or mobile homes, according to a FEMA report.

"It continues to be an enormous task to find safe, sanitary and functional housing for those

affected by the storms," said Robert Latham, director of MEMA. "While we are thrilled that more than 13,000 families are now in a more permanent situation, we ask individuals to continue to look to their own housing needs while waiting for a travel trailer or mobile home."

Several other private, church and charitable organizations have also been issuing temporary housing to Hancock County residents, such as camper trailers or, more frequently, tents.

Hancock County officials estimate that they have distributed approximately 750 tents to area residents, although some of those people have now been issued FEMA trailers.

At present, no one

seems to be able to estimate how many Hancock Countians are homeless, since many people have left the area or have found other housing with friends, family or elsewhere.

Plans are under way now to create new sites for temporary housing, including one in Bay St. Louis behind urgent care and one at Pearlington.

FEMA now estimates that totals for individual or household assistance include 16,169 applications in Hancock County, and of those, there were 18,180 approvals for housing assistance for a total of \$86,118,304.

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## Longo -- Where?

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"It was an insult to the people of Waveland that the mayor wasn't there," she said. "It's like 'Where's Waldo?' Where's Longo? ... There's no communication. I'm not happy with the leadership. That's what it boils down to."

Her remarks drew a round of applause from those crowding the board's temporary trailer at the corner of Coleman and Central.

"I hear you screaming very, very loudly," Ward 1 Alderman Mark Thomas said, "and I've been doing the same thing. We want communication and we want it in writing."

Both Thomas and Ward 3 Alderman Brian Schmitt took issue with Longo's decision to enter into a contract to provide emergency water to Waveland from a company at Bayou Caddy without consulting the board; and with his decision to have city workers go ahead with debris

removal north of the tracks in the city without already having the funding from FEMA in hand.

Aldermen said they were working together to improve communication with the people of Waveland, and would regularly post information in The Sea Coast Echo, on the internet and on a bulleting board at the temporary city offices.

In other action Tuesday:

• Aldermen said they would announce a decision next Wednesday on the city's new flood zone maps so that home and business owners can begin the rebuilding process. FEMA's flood zone maps won't be available for the next 14-18 months, they said, and the city just can't wait that long. Several homes will have to be raised from four-to-six feet higher than their pre-Katrina elevation, according to FEMA's estimates. As soon as the

board makes its decision next week, building permits can begin being issued.

• Curtis and Roxanne Colson asked the board for help in dealing with the Christian Life Church group which has set up the relief supply center at Kmart parking lot. The Colsons said the group has prevented them returning to and cleaning out their business, Home Creations, where they also live. City attorney Zach Butterworth said that the issue was a private dispute where the city really had no legal right to interfere. However, the board directed Fire Chief David Garcia to check out the Colson's allegations that the group is improperly storing hundreds of gallons of gasoline on their property.

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Saturday, November 12 - Big Fat Greek Wedding, starring John Corban;

Sunday, November 13 - The Incredibles.

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# Sports

## Tigers in must win spot for home playoff game; Bowser & Moran earn top honors

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers (4-2, 3-1) dropped their non-division matchup with 3A power Tylertown 22-10 last Friday night while Hancock and Pass Christian also suffered losses. The Hawks fell 41-0 to the George County Rebels in Lucedale while the Pirates a 49-21 loss to the Pearl River Central Blue Devils in Long Beach.

The Tigers fell behind 6-0 at halftime on a Terry Jackson 8-yard scoring run with 1:00 remaining in the first half. Jackson added another 8-yard scoring run with 10:30 left in the third quarter.

The two-point conversion by Jackson made the score 14-0.

Bay High's Robert Labat took a Chief punt 65 yards for the score with :15 seconds left in the third quarter. Moran converted on the PAT to make the score 14-7. With 8:23 left in regulation, Moran converted on a 31-yard field goal to cut the Chiefs' lead to 14-10.

However, with 2:45 left in the game the Chiefs scored on an Adam Fayard one-yard keeper to seal the game. The two-point conversion was good making the final score 22-10.

The Tigers will face the Pearl River Central Blue Devils (2-5, 1-3) in

the regular season finale at Joe D. McCullough Stadium on Friday night at 7pm. The game pits the two Division 8-4A rivals in a game that could mean a home playoff game for the Tigers. Bay High must win to have a shot at hosting the first round game against the Division 6-4A third place team. Bay High also needs a loss from Long Beach on Friday to secure the spot. PRC defeated Pass Christian 49-21 last week.

The Hancock Hawks (0-6) remained winless on the season with a 41-0 loss to the George County Rebels on the road in Lucedale. Hancock will host Biloxi on Friday night in Kiln

before traveling to Harrison Central to close out the season.

The Pass Christian Pirates dropped their Division 8-4A game with the PRC Blue Devils 49-21. Shane Bowser provided an offensive spark for the Pirates scoring on runs of 28 and 55 yards and catching a 74-scoring pass from Chad Moore.

The Offensive Player of the Week for Week Seven is Pass Christian's Shane Bowser. He accounted for all three of the Pirates' touchdowns in their 49-21 loss to PRC. Bowser scored on runs of 28 and 55 yards while adding a 74-yard scoring catch.

The Defensive Player

of the Week for Week Seven is Bay High's Kyle Moran who officially recorded 10 total tackles

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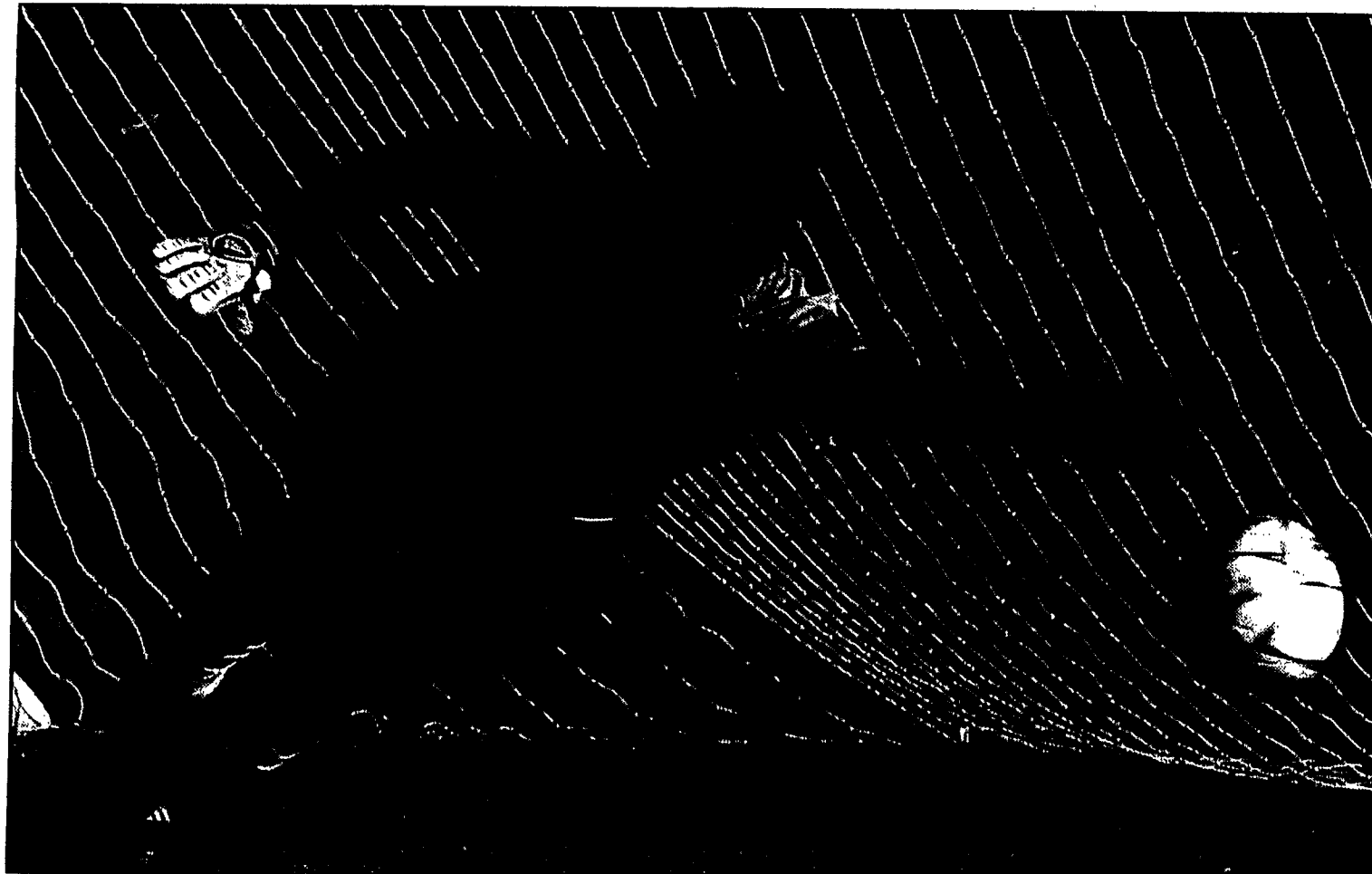
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Pearl River goaltender Amanda Melville can't quite reach Lauren Preble's game-winning goal in a double-overtime shootout that handed Hinds its eighth regional title in the Region 23 Tournament championship game Saturday at PRCC in Poplarville.

Photo By Mitch Deaver

## Lady Wildcats wrap season at 14-3

SEA COAST ECHO

MACJC state champ Pearl River came within a whisker of winning its first-ever Region 23 women's soccer title here Saturday, but the defending regional champ Hinds Lady Eagles were true on three goals to the Lady Wildcats' two in a shootout following a 1-1 double-overtime stalemate in Wildcat Stadium to take their eighth regional title since 1998.

Hinds' Lauren Preble was true on the game-winning goal to snap a 3-3 deadlock in the

shootout.

PRCC won its first-ever state championship last weekend at Hinds in Raymond with a 2-1 victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast, which had earned its berth in the championship game after eliminating defending champ Hinds and thus ending the Lady Eagles' seven-year reign as MACJC champs in Saturday's opening round.

Hinds avenged its heartbreaking state tournament loss with a 2-0 regional victory over

Gulf Coast Friday to end the Lady Bulldogs' season and earn its title bout berth against Pearl River.

In the regional championship game, Adrian Massey put Hinds up 1-0 at the 27:05 mark of the first half; but PRCC's Nikki Shows tied it up at 1-1 with 11:26 left in regulation.

After two scoreless overtime periods, the stage was set for the shootout and Miranda Hunt gave Hinds a one-goal edge before Pearl River's Laken Stamps knotted things back up.

Keri McGowan kicked another goal to give Hinds a one-goal edge, then Shows answered with another goal to tie things up. Preble followed with the game-winner past PRCC goalie Amanda Melville. Emily Coker was the Lady Eagles' goal keeper.

Hinds improved to 13-3-1 overall with the victory and will host district next weekend for a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament, while Pearl River ended its season at 14-2.

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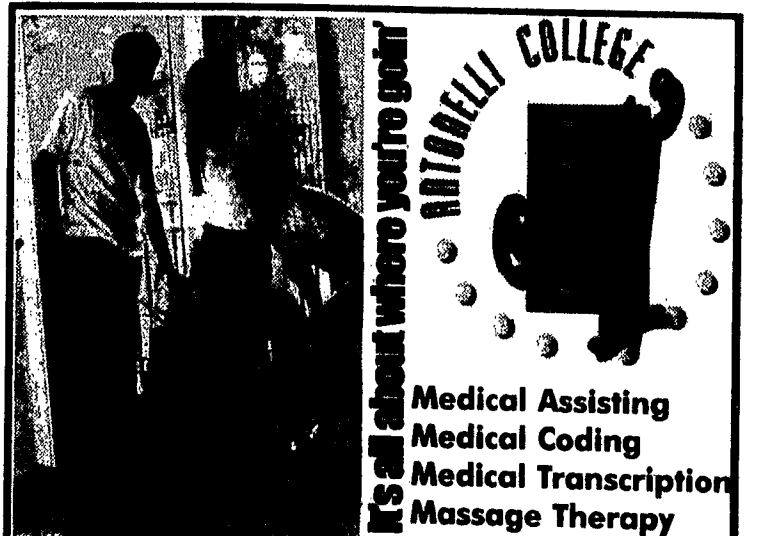
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# Bay-Waveland School District receives portable classroom units, classes begin Nov. 7

## SEA COAST ECHO

On November 7, students in the Bay St. Louis - Waveland School District will be heading back to school and studying in a slightly different atmosphere than they were once used to.

The students - in grades K-12, will occupy the more than 60 portable classroom units provided and delivered recently to the State of Mississippi and Hancock County, through a request made to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"FEMA is committed to helping provide a clean, safe learning environment so students in the impacted areas of the state can move forward with their educational experience," said Nick Russo, FEMA's federal coordinating officer in Mississippi. "We will continue to work with local and state officials and our federal partners to ensure local communities have the facilities needed to help instruct Mississippi's future leaders."

The District's 5 schools were either heavily damaged or completely destroyed when Hurricane Katrina made landfall as a Category 3 storm near the Mississippi/Louisiana border on August 29, 2005.

"We have received 50 of the 66 portable units that were requested," Superintendent Kim Stasny says. "We are so fortunate, and planning right now for more than 60 percent of the pre-Katrina student population to return the first day of classes. We are really looking forward to their arrival."

That means more than 1,400 students are expected back at the locations of North Bay Elementary, Second Street Elementary, Waveland Elementary, Bay Waveland Middle School and Bay High School, where the portable units have been placed.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been overseeing the site preparation for and installation of basic serv-



Superintendent of Bay St. Louis Waveland Schools, Kim Stasny (center), discusses the new FEMA provided portable classrooms with her assistant Debble Cox (right) and Garland Cuevas. Bay St. Louis Waveland Schools will re-open November 7th.

ices in the portable units, which will accommodate up to 30 students each once fully completed.

"This plain, modular classroom means everything to students who have lost all touch with stability and normalcy," said Michael Logue, Chief of Public Affairs, Vicksburg District, USACE. "If you have seen the daily coverage of kids going back to school, playing band with cardboard boxes and sticks, yet totally excited to be back in class, with high attendance... it is all because their world is starting to look right again. That is what we are delivering, stability for these young people and their community."

The staff and teachers are also looking forward to returning to the classroom.

"I've asked our 200 staff members and teachers to return to work on November 1, so they may begin planning efforts and organize their classrooms for the first day of school in our new space," Stasny explained.

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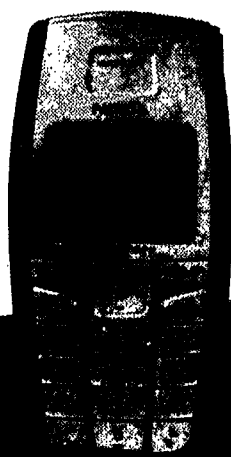
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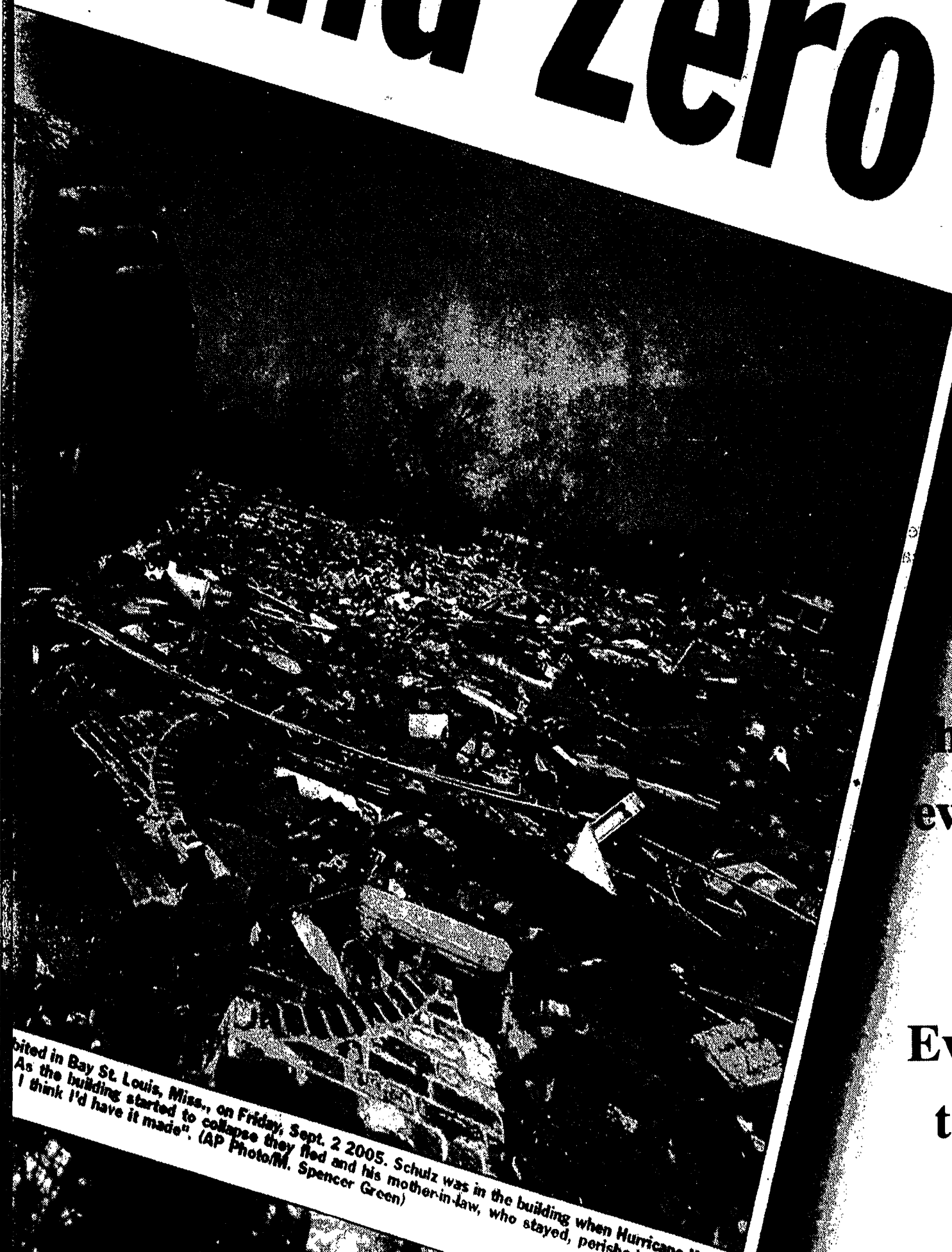


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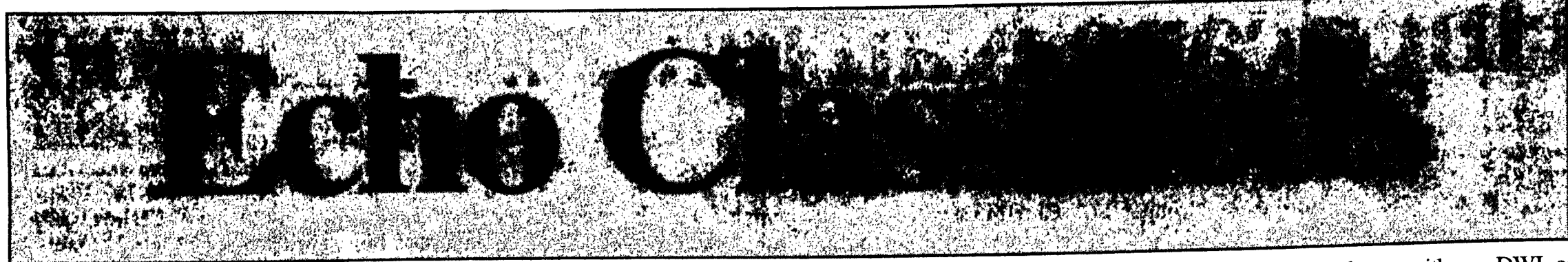
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Week Of OCT. 30, 2005



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**HELP WANTED:** CNA for private duty in Kiln, 11:00am-5:00pm, pt, clinical experience only, no sitters, no hospice. Back ground check. Call 586-0121. 11/3

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## LEGALS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARVIN MONROE PEARSON, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO: C 2301-04-862

(2) NOTICE OF HEARING  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 8th day of December, 2005, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, the undersigned will bring for hearing before the Honorable Margaret Alfonso, Chancery Clerk, in her Harrison County Courtroom at 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi the Estate's Petition to Close. The Estate of Marvin Monroe Pearson  
Joy Taylor, Executrix  
By: Benjamin C. Windham, Attorney for the Estate of Marvin Monroe Pearson

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of October, 2005 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned executor of the will and estate of MARY P. FAVRE, deceased, in Cause No. C2301-05-769(2) notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.  
This the 28th day of October, 2005.  
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Executor

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## FEMA: Post-Katrina spraying in South Mississippi prevents mosquito plague

After Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, state and federal officials moved quickly to halt the health threat posed by the fast growing mosquito population.

Katrina's storm surge and lashing rains had created an ideal mosquito breeding ground. The widespread destruction of homes, power failures, the hot weather and lack of air conditioning left people unusually exposed to mosquito bites.

At the request of the state of Mississippi, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided nearly \$850,000 in federal disaster funding to cover the cost of aerial insecticide spraying in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties.

Now, with the mosquito season nearing an end, public health officials say the effort was a success.

"All the conditions were there for an outbreak of mosquito-borne disease," said Capt. Alan Croft of the U.S. Public Health Service. "Yet after the spraying, there was no epidemic, in fact, there were only about the same number of cases that would have been expected if Katrina had not hit."

Infected mosquitoes can transmit illnesses, among them West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Dr. Miles McNeill, state epidemiologist with the Mississippi Department of Health, said, "Despite the fact that Hurricane Katrina struck during peak West Nile virus season, no significant increase in West Nile virus infections or other mosquito-borne diseases was evident."

Dr. Jerome Goddard, medical entomologist with the Mississippi Department of Health, said that even if mosquitoes flourished after Katrina had not led to a greater incidence of mosquito-borne diseases, they still posed a tremendous nuisance that justified the spraying.

"First responders and the exposed public were being tormented by relentless mosquito biting," Goddard said.

A field team from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) visited Mississippi in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and determined that mosquito populations were high in Gulf Coast counties. The CDC team supported the state of Mississippi's request to spray areas hard-hit by Katrina.

Goddard said the spraying of Dibrom, an

insecticide that kills adult mosquitoes, was limited to a single aerial application over Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties. The spraying took place over populated areas, he said, and avoided environmentally sensitive lands such as nature preserves, parks and fish farms.

Goddard described the results as "awesome." He said the first night after the aerial spraying, the numbers of mosquitoes found in traps declined 90 percent in 10 of 12 traps that were being monitored and about 70 percent in the other two.

Goddard's team had been monitoring mosquitoes since the hurricane struck to help local officials determine whether spraying should be done in their counties. The team studied mosquito-borne disease potential or high growth of mosquito populations in order to back up requests for FEMA assistance.

"FEMA, along with the state, supports the judicious use of spraying to control mosquitoes when the facts support a public health threat in a disaster situation," said Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer Nick Russo. "We are delighted that the spraying program on the Gulf Coast was highly effective. It reduced the potential for mosquito-

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providing support for free wireless handsets and a package of up to 300 minutes for eligible evacuees and other displaced people until March 1, 2006. The FCC is providing eligible people

with individual housing assistance up to \$30 to establish a new residential connection. For more information [www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/KatrinaWireless.html](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/KatrinaWireless.html).

# Bully for HMS



Displaced students from Gulfview Elementary receive candy and coloring books from Mississippi State's mascot, Bully. Hancock Middle School is now home to Gulfview and Charles B. Murphy students. Gwen Smith, Hancock County's MSU Extension Service director, organized the event for the 300 students as part of MSU's Bulldogs In Response program. Pat Lee, the wife of MSU president, commented about the event, "The kids had no where to trick or treat, so we brought trick or treat to them."

Echo staff photos  
by Jace Ponder

## Help speed debris removal

**SEPARATE WASTE**  
All Hancock County residents are urged to help speed up garbage and debris collection. Residents must separate waste in four categories:

- Tree branches and/or yard waste from the storm;
- Debris from houses or other structures;
- Typical household waste placed in garbage bags; and household hazardous waste such as bleach, paint, motor, batteries and more.

For more information call either 228/229-1162 or 228/229-1119.

## Rotary seeks professionals for exchange to France

### SEA COAST ECHO

Rotary club members of Southeast Louisiana and South Central Mississippi are seeking outstanding professionals to visit France in April-May 2006 as part of the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation.

Through the program, teams of young professionals from two different countries exchange visits. For four to six weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information about their home country.

The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts.

They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country. Rotary pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district.

Team members pay

for personal and incidental expenses.

Young adults between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profession. Applicants must live or be employed within the boundaries of Rotary District 6840 (southeast Louisiana and south and central Mississippi).

For more general information and a copy of the application, visit [www.rotary.org/downloads/rotary\\_foundation/educational\\_programs/group\\_study\\_exchange](http://www.rotary.org/downloads/rotary_foundation/educational_programs/group_study_exchange).

Also contact Elvie Guthrie-Lewis at 228.831.5151 or Regan Kane, President of the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, at 228.467.5500 for more information. Applications are due by November 18, 2005 and should be mailed to P.O. Box 1313, Long Beach, MS 39560-1313.

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